



*The Wake Forest Cultural Arts Association Newsletter*

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## **Autumn Arts Festival Set for October 14**

The Wake Forest Downtown Revitalization Corporation and the Wake Forest Cultural Arts Association are pleased to present the third annual Autumn Arts Festival in historic downtown Wake Forest on **Saturday, October 14**.

This year's festival is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine, and it will once again be held along South White Street. Artists from across the region will display and sell their fine artwork, including pottery, jewelry, photography, watercolors, acrylics and more. We will have musical performances from Al Williams and the Assembly, Franklin Academy Jazz Band, and The Sandbox Band. The Gypsy Oasis Middle Eastern Dance Troupe will also take center stage for two performances. A new feature this year will be roaming theatrical performances by The Road Less Traveled. There will be fun children's activities all along Owen Street sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club. Take a break in the Chamber of Commerce parking lot and sample Carolina Barbecue offered by festival organizers and hot dogs and hamburgers sold by the Wake Forest VFW Post 8466.

A new addition to this year's festival is a student artwork competition. A juried panel will review submitted artwork prior to the festival, and merit awards will be given to both middle and high school students in various categories. Winning artwork will be displayed during the festival at Wake Forest Art and Frame Gallery. All Wake and Franklin County middle and high school students are encouraged to participate.

Sponsors are still needed for the festival and space is still available for artists to exhibit and sell their work. Applications for artists and information for sponsors are available online at [www.autumnartsfestival.com](http://www.autumnartsfestival.com).

Our committee has been planning this event for the better part of this year, and we feel that it is going to be the most successful year yet!

If you have any questions, or if you would like to be a part of this great Wake Forest event, please feel free to contact Elizabeth Michalka, Autumn Arts Festival Public Relations Chairperson at (919) 274-1354 or via email at [Michalka82@hotmail.com](mailto:Michalka82@hotmail.com).



# RLTT Makes Wake Forest Performing Arts Home

**K**evin Holmes wants people to know he's not going away.

"I think there's been some question about if we were here to stay or not, if we could make this happen," he says of the non-profit performing arts group, The Road Less Traveled Theatre, for whom he serves as Executive Director. "There are always challenges, but overall

we're headed in the right direction...and we are definitely here for the long haul."

Since relocating to Wake Forest earlier this year, RLTT has definitely seen a challenge or two.

"Our big thing right now is finding a permanent venue," Holmes

said. "We have a very capable publicity department, but it's hard to secure funding and advertise for shows when we don't know for certain where they're going to be performed."

So far, RLTT has performed two shows in Wake Forest, *Oliver!* at Franklin Academy and

that is making sure we do what we say we're going to do, and I think we've managed that so far."

In spite of being a theatre group by name, RLTT hasn't limited itself to traditional theatrical performances. They've offered the use of their office space at

525 S. White Street to various local groups for meetings, including a local writer's group and the Wake Forest Cultural Arts Association, and have several mini-events

planned for the Autumn Arts festival. Among the other non-theatrical cultural arts initiatives and projects they've initiated is the RLTT Writers' Series, which will begin with Dr. John Kessel, a prominent author of speculative fiction and professor at NCSU. That

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an all-teen production of *Romeo and Juliet* produced at Wake Forest-Rolesville High School in cooperation with the drama department there.

"We think it's important that the community understands our commitment to them," says Holmes. "A key part of

event is scheduled for early November, shortly after RLTT stages its third Wake Forest production - an original adaptation of selected works by Edgar Allan Poe entitled *Poe: The Elevation of Decay*.

"*Poe* presents the next facet of RLTT's drive for variety in material. We've done a family musical and a classic Shakespeare production; *Poe* presents a more adult, literary side of things. It will be performed in a much more intimate setting and is designed for smaller audiences than our two previous shows here or our upcoming production of *Annie*."

To find out more about the Road Less Traveled Theatre and their upcoming performances and other events, please visit their website at <http://www.rltt.org>.

# **2006 Wake Forest Area Artists' Studio**

**F**ounded in 1995, The Wake Forest Area Artists' Studio Tour is a two-day, annual event designed to educate the public about the artistic process and to support the area's working artists.

The Tour is organized by participating artists in cooperation with the Wake Forest Cultural Arts Association.

By visiting an artist's studio, visitors can not only purchase an original work of art from its creator, but also experience the process the artist uses to transform ideas and raw materials into beauty.

The Studio Tour has drawn several thousand attendees from Wake County and surrounding areas each year since its inception.

The Studio Tour is free and open to the public.

Brochures with artist information and driving maps are available at Sunflower Studios or online at [www.ArtistsStudioTour.com](http://www.ArtistsStudioTour.com).

**Studios will be open and works for sale:**  
**Saturday, October 7, 9 am - 5 pm**  
**Sunday, October 8, 1 pm - 5 pm**

## **OTHER TOUR EVENTS**

**Studio Tour Exhibit**  
**September 8 - October 6**  
**Sunflower Studio & Gallery**  
**Showing works from each participating Studio Tour artist**

**Meet-the-Artists Reception**  
**Friday, October 6, 6 - 9 pm**  
**Sunflower Studio & Gallery**

**Admission to all Studio Tour events is free and open to the public**

# **W.E.B. DuBois CDC School of the Arts**

**T**he W.E.B. DuBois Community Development Corporation School of the Arts opened the summer with the Camp of Many Dreams. It was a fine arts camp sponsored through a partnership between Wake County 4 H (Making Magic 2006) the W.E.B. DUBOIS Community Development Corporation, and Friendship Chapel Baptist Church, Koinonia Foun-

dation.

Young people, with or without experience in acting, singing, dancing, or performing were welcome. This summer we held a six week camp on the campus of Friendship Chapel Baptist Church, culminating in an artistic performance or exhibition by the campers.

We had two performances in which the children wrote the script, designed their own costumes, characters, and

sets. The first play was called "The Pirates' Dream: The Princess in This Dress (Dis Tress)." The students studied about the ocean, shipwrecks, and food the pirates ate. They learned and performed a sword fight, danced and sang.

The second performance was "Rockwell's Rescue," a story of friendship and acceptance in outer space. The children studied the solar system, the rock cycle and space travel. All

props and sets were made out of recycled material. The School of the Arts Climbing Star Company (CSC) will start a Saturday Academy starting in November offering classes in 2D, 3D, Dance, Drama, Music, story telling and play writing. These classes will become a major production to be performed in May. Sign ups will begin at the Autumn Arts Festival, October 14, 2006.

# YES!

I would like to support cultural arts in Wake Forest!

## Membership Benefits

As a member of the Wake Forest Cultural Arts Association, you will receive our monthly newsletter, along with notices of classes and special events, and discounts on classes. Membership entitles you to an invitation to members-only functions which include special concerts and artists' receptions. Members investing \$100 or more annually will be recognized on all printed programs and newsletters.

## Investment Options (*choose one*)

	Individual/Family	Patron	\$500 +
Benefactor	\$25	\$250 - \$499	Event Sponsor
Sponsor	\$100 - \$249		

Membership dues are annual. The membership runs from July 1 to June 30. All dues are tax-deductible. Please make checks payable to:  
Wake Forest Cultural Arts Association, PO Box 528, Wake Forest, NC 27588

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